

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 12, 21, 24-31 and 33-46 are in this application and are presented for consideration. Claim 1 has been amended.

The claims have been amended to address the Examiner's objections, incorporate the Examiner's suggestions and to place the application in better form. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the careful reading of this application, for pointing out discrepancies, for providing suggestions, and indicating allowable subject matter.

In particular, claim 1 has been amended to address the rejections with regard to form, and in accordance with the telephone discussions with the Examiner. Claim 1 now clearly sets forth method steps. It is applicant's position that amended claim 1 now overcomes the rejection.

Claims 4-5 and 7-20 have been rejected as not reciting any steps involved in the further method/process. Applicant has reviewed these claims, and finds that these claims further limit the process steps previously set forth, or further limit structure previously set forth as being involved in the method steps. Therefore the transition phrase "wherein" is proper. These claims are therefore definite, and further limit the base claims in accordance with US patent regulations.

It is applicant's position that this amendment modifies the present application according to the indicated allowable subject matter. This application should now be in conformance with US Patent regulations, and applicant respectfully requests that this application be passed to issuance.

Applicant again thanks the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which would further favorable prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's representative by telephone to discuss possible changes.

Favorable action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested.

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